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SUBJECT: BCP REPRESENTATION IN PEKING

1. IN ANTICIPATION OF FORTHCOMING NE WIN VISIT TO CHINA, SOME DIPLOMATS IN RANGOON, SOURCING THEIR COMMENTS TO COUNTERPARTS IN PEKING, ARE COMMENTING THAT THE BURMA COMMUNIST PARTY (BCP) REPRESENTATIVES IN PEKING HAVE BEEN RECEIVING SOMEWHAT LESS FAVORED TREATMENT FROM THEIR PRC HOSTS. AS AN EXAMPLE, IT WAS NOTED THAT AT THE OCTOBER 1 CELEBRATION IN PEKING, THE BCP REPS WERE SEATED SOME DISTANCE FROM THE HEAD TABLE WHEREAS IN THE PAST, THEY WERE VERY CLOSE TO THE HEAD TABLE.

2. WE WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN ANY USLO OBSERVATION ON RELATIVE STATUS OF BCP REPRESENTATIVES IN PEKING. AS USLO AWARE, LAST SPRING A NEW BCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE WAS ELECTED WITH THAKIN BA THEIN TIN AS CHAIRMAN. SINCE THEN, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME INDICATIONS THAT BA THEIN TIN MIGHT BE IN BURMA, OR IN NEIGHBORING YUNNAN PROVINCE. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THE APPARENT LOWERING OF BCP STATUS ON OCTOBER 1 COULD REFLECT THE FACT THAT THE BCP CHAIRMAN WAS NOT IN TOWN AND THAT BCP INTERESTS WERE REPRESENTED BY A LESSER LIGHT WHO DID NOT JUSTIFY HIGHER SEATING. DOES USLO HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE IDENTITIES OF BCP REPRESENTATIVES CURRENTLY IN PEKING?

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